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REFS: (A) 77 STATE 211759, (B) SEOUL 2793 (NOTAL)
(C) LIMA 3993 (NOTAL), (D) 77 SANTIAGO 7920

1. REF (A) REQUESTED EMBASSIES TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS
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THAT U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE WAS CONSIDERING CERTIFICATION
THAT ROK, GOP AND POSSIBLE GOC WERE, BY THEIR WHALING
ACTIVITIES, DIMINISHING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONSER-
VATION REGIME OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC).
IF SUCH CERTIFICATION WERE MADE, IMPORTATION OF ALL FISH
PRODUCTS FROM HOST COUNTRIES WOULD BE PROHIBITED UNDER
PELLEY AMENDMENT TO FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT UNLESS PRESI-

DENT MAKES DECISION TO CONTRARY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF CERTIFICATION. IF PRESIDENT DECIDES AGAINST EMBARGO, HE MUST INFORM CONGRESS OF REASONS WHY.

2. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY COMMERCE THAT SUCH CERTIFICATION AGAINST KOREA, PERU AND CHILE IS IMMINENT. CERTIFICATION COULD, HOWEVER, BE AVERTED IF THESE COUNTRIES WERE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO JOIN IWC.

3. SEOUL, LIMA: REFS (B) AND (C) INDICATE ROK AND GOP ARE

ON VERGE OF JOINING IWC. ALSO, ROK FISHATT IN WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED DEPT OF COMMERCE ROK HAS DECIDED TO JOIN BUT COULD NOT GIVE EXACT DATE. EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVTS AT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL AND STRESS USG IS PLEASED THAT ROK AND GOP HAVE MADE THESE POSITIVE DECISIONS AND STRONGLY URGE THAT THEY MAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS, BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING 26 - 30 JUNE, OF WHEN THEY WILL JOIN THE IWC. EMBASSIES SHOULD ALSO REMIND HOST GOVTS THAT RATIFICATION NEED ONLY BE DEPOSITED WITH USG WHICH IS DEPOSITORY GOVT FOR IWC CONVENTION. IWC ITSELF TAKES NO ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP. EMBASSIES SHOULD ALSO PRESENT INFO IN PARAS 1 AND 2 AND OTHER RELEVANT RECENT CABLES, STRESSING SERIOUSNESS OF IMMINENT CERTIFICATION AND POSSIBLE EMBARGO.

4. SANTIAGO: EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GOC AT APPROPRIATE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LY HIGH LEVEL TO INFORM THEM OF ABOVE AND TO STRONGLY URGE CHILE RECONSIDER ITS POSITION (REFTEL (D)) ON THIS MATTER.

5. LIMA: UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO HEAVY SCHEDULE OF PREPARATIONS FOR IWC MEETING, USG HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO GOP IN RESEARCH AND/OR OBSERVERS. THIS WILL BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER IWC MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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